(vi) Payment of arrears against Labour Settlement;

(vii) Payment of Ad-hoc Ex-gratia to some employees;

(viii) Payment of Ex-gratia to all employees;

(ix) Increase in Gratuity limit;

(x) Enhancement of the rate of P.F. subscription.

(c) No financial assistance has been provided to Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation either by the State Government or Central Government during the said period.

Pulse Rate

698. SHRI K.A. SANGTAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether pulse rate is very high in Nagaland and varies from town to town;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the comparative pulse rate in other North-Eastern States, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) No Sir. However, pulse rate varies as per the distance between two short Distance Charging Centres within Nagaland, which is a Long Distance Charging Area (LDCA).

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) The charging of calls in other North-Eastern States is on the same pattern which is applicable within Nagaland as well as in other parts of the country. The details are given below :

Pulse Rate

	Within the State		Outside the State (To other parts of the country)
	Maximum	Minimum	
1. Arunacahal Pradesh	180 sec.	4 sec.	Upto 2 sec.
2. Manipur	180 sec.	8 sec.	-do-
3. Meghalya	180 sec.	4 sec.	-do-
4. Mizoram	180 sec.	4 sec.	-do-
5. Nagaland	180 sec.	8 sec.	-do-
6. Tripura	180 sec.	8 sec.	-do-
7. Assam	180 sec.	4 sec.	-do-

LPTs to be Upgraded during Ninth Plan

699. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of LPTs proposed to be upgraded in Ninth Plan, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal for the upgradation of LPTs into HPTs;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the land for the purpose has already been acquired;

(e) if so, the reasons for not starting the upgradation work; and

(f) the present position of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) to (f) A proposal for upgradation of Low Power TV transmitter (LPT) at Raichur to High Power TV transmitter (HPT) has been received from Government of Karnataka and the scheme has been sanctioned.

Implementation of the project will be taken up after State Government hands over the identified site, depending on availability of resources and provision of other infrastructural facilities.

Statement

Existing LPTs proposed to be upgraded to HPTs in Phases

State	Location
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	Warangal
Assam	Guwahati DD II Silchar DD II
Bihar	Jamshedpur Patna DD II
Gujarat	Surat
Jammu & Kashmir	Kathua Srinagar DD II
Karnataka	Hassan Mangalore Mysore Raichur
Kerala	Cannanore Cochin DD II Trivandrum DD II